CHAPTER NO. 342

SENATE BILL NO. 1549

By Curtis S. Person, Jr.

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1602

By Miller, Henri Brooks, Marrero, Towns, Cooper, Ulysses Jones, Langster, Larry Turner, Moore, Pruitt, Sontany, Favors, John DeBerry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-1515, relative to property tax freezes for senior citizens in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-1515(a), is amended by deleting the words "the Shelby County clerk" and by substituting instead the language "the county clerk in any county having a population greater than eight hundred ninety thousand (890,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-1515(b), is amended by deleting the words "the Shelby County clerk" wherever they appear and by substituting instead the words "the county clerk of such county".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-1515, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) The county clerk of such county may charge an applicant a one-time fee to offset the administrative costs of this section and such fee shall be proportionate to the value of the applicant's property as determined by the assessor of property except that the fee shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and no fees may be charged any applicant whose annual household income is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 25, 2005

APPROVED this 7th day of June 2005

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER